

Total Federal Debt and Its Components
End of Fiscal Year 2012

Total federal debt

Debt held by the public + debt held by government accounts=\$16.1 trillion

Debt held by government accounts=\$4.8 trillion

Federal debt held by the federal government itself. Most of this debt is held by trust funds, such as the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds.

Debt held by the public=\$11.3 trillion

Federal debt held by all investors outside the federal government, including international investors, domestic private investors, the Federal Reserve, and state and local governments.

Source: GAO analysis of data from the Department of the Treasury.